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Sir:

THIS IS NOT A RESPONSE TO THE OUTSTANDING OFFICE ACTION, DATED JUNE 29, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of the two U.S. patents are enclosed, however, one copy of each foreign reference is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the references have been considered, per MPEP § 609.

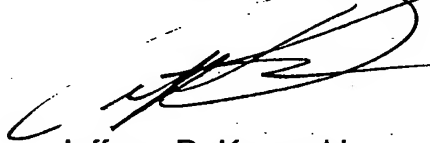
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These references were cited in an International Search Report, dated September 15, 2005, in the corresponding PCT/US2004/034339 application. English-language

Abstracts for the two Japanese references are attached hereto and are relied upon as a statements of relevance for these two references.

Respectfully Submitted,

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